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ROME FOR EMBASSY/WISE AND INS/VILLANOVA

VIENNA FOR EMBASSY/TRINKA AND INS/BOBEK

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTS ACTION ADDRESSES' CONCURRENCE IN RECEIVING FOR BRIEF TDY CONSULTATIONS CONSUL/SECOND SECRETARY STEVEN E. STEINER, WHO HAS HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMMIGRATION MATTERS HERE FOR PAST YEAR AND HALF. TDY TRAVEL, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DEPT, WOULD BE PAID FROM MOSCOW POST PROGRAM ALLOTMENT.

2. TRIP WOULD COMPRISE FOUR WORKING DAYS, OF WHICH ONE AND HALF TO TWO IN ROME, ONE TO ONE AND HALF IN GENEVA, AND ONE-DAY STOPOVER IN VIENNA ON RETURN MOSCOW. PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT EMBASSY, IN COOPERATION WITH ADDRESSEE POSTS, IS ABLE TO CONTINUE MEET EFFECTIVELY CONSTANTLY GROWING IMMIGRATION WORKLOAD WITH WHICH WE ARE FACED. THIS INCLUDES 52 PERCENT INCREASE FROM 1972 TO 1973 IN NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS WITH SOVIET EXIT DOCUMENTS TO US, SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE ROUTED VIA ITALY UNDER THIRD COUNTRY PROGRAM (TCP) IN COOPERATION WITH INS ROME AND US MISSION GENEVA (STATISTICS REPORTED MOSCOW 262).
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EMBASSY ALSO FACED IN PAST FOUR MONTHS WITH DRAMATIC INCREASE IN NUMBER OF JEWISH EMIGRANTS WITH SOVIET EXIT DOCUMENTS FOR ISRAEL

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APPLYING HERE FOR ASSISTANCE IN REUNITING INSTEAD WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN US (MOSCOW 201 AND PREVIOUS). ADDITIONAL PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS IS TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH NEEDED OVERVIEW OF WORKINGS THIS COMPLICATED MULTI-POST IMMIGRATION SYSTEM.

3. FOR ROME: FOCUS OF CONSULTATIONS WILL BE INS DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH HAS SOLE AUTHORITY PROCESS FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY TO US BOTH TCP CASES AND APPLICANTS WITH EXIT DOCUMENTS FOR ISRAEL. STEINER ALSO WISHES MEET WITH ROME VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES ASSISTING IN THESE CASES, PARTICULARLY UHS AND WCC. (SINCE EMBASSY IS REQUIRED RESPOND DAILY TO IMMIGRANTS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERN OVER PROCEDURES AWAITING THEM AT ROME, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF UHS AND/OR WCC REPRESENTATIVE COULD GIVE RUN-THROUGH OF THESE PROCEDURES, PERHAPS ON SCENE AT AIRPORT.) STEINER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE CONSULT WITH CONSULAR AND POLITICAL OFFICERS DEALING WITH QUESTION OF SOVIET EMIGRATION AND, AT EMBASSY ROME DISCRETION, APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS.

4. FOR GENEVA: FOCUS OF CONSULTATIONS WILL BE WITH MISSION RMRC STAFF, AS WELL AS GENEVA VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES. AS EMBASSY OFFICER WITH WORKING-LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR USG EMIGRATION/FAMILY REUNIFICATION EFFORT IN USSR, STEINER WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE MISSION ARRANGING BRIEF CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS USDEL CSCE WORKING ON HUMAN CONTACTS ASPECT BASKET III.

5. FOR VIENNA: VIENNA STOPOVER DESIGNED TO CONFER WITH EMBASSY, INS, AND UHS TO EFFECT BEST SYSTEM FOR ADVISING AND PROCESSING EMIGRANTS WITH DOCUMENTS FOR ISRAEL WHO ARE APPLYING HERE FOR ASSISTANCE. PRIOR CONSULTATIONS IN ROME AND GENEVA SHOULD PROVE USEFUL THIS REGARD.

6. TENTATIVE ITINERARY; SUBJECT ACTION ADDRESSEES CONCURRENCE:

MOSCOW-ROME ON AZ-547 MONDAY FEB 25 ARRIVING 1935 HOURS LOCAL; ROME-GENEVA WEDNESDAY FEB 27 ON ALITALIA FLIGHT DEPARTING 1230 HOURS LOCAL ARRIVING 1350 LOCAL;
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GENEVA-VIENNA THURSDAY FEB 28 ON SWISSAIR DEPARTING 1710 HOURS LOCAL ARRIVING 1955 LOCAL;
VIENNA-MOSCOW SAT MARCH 2 ON OS-601 DEPARTING 1130 HOURS LOCAL. RESERVATIONS WILL BE BOOKED IN MOSCOW. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING LODGINGS, IF POSSIBLE AT MODERATELY-PRICED HOTEL CONVENIENT TO POST. POSTS' ASSISTANCE ALSO REQUESTED IN FACILITATING MEETINGS WITH VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES.

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